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In re Application of:

DelDuca et al.

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ACCELERATOR

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 23, 2000

Box PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2000. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, *i.e.*, August 23, 2000. This response is being filed within one month of that day. Accordingly, a one-month extension is hereby requested. The appropriate fees are included herein.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 & 17 and add new claims 22-25 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An oxygen scavenging packet, comprising: